

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A method of scanning comprising the steps of:

providing a scanning apparatus (10) having a scanning device (18) and a rotatable sample mount (14) whereby the scanning device and mount are relatively displaceable along the rotary axis (48) of the mount;

locating an article (22) on the sample mount such that a first part of the article is scannable by the scanning device (18);

scanning the first part of the article;

relatively displacing the article with respect to the scanning device whereby a second part of the article is scannable;

noting the relative displacement between the article and the scanning device; and

scanning the second part.

2. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein, the article (22) is secured to a receptacle (40,140,240).

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~claim 1 or claim 2~~ wherein, the receptacle (40,140,240) is mounted with respect to a slide (38,138,238).

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1 wherein, the article is composed of at least two separate parts (32A,32B,34) whereby during the scanning of the first part, a second part is removed from the receptacle.

5. (Original) A scanner for the scanning of articles comprising:
- a scanning apparatus (10) having a scanning device (18) and a rotatable sample mount (14,420) whereby, the scanning device and mount are relatively displaceable along the rotary axis (48) of the mount;
- a receptacle (40,140,240,400) mounted on the sample mount, the receptacle being capable of securely accommodating an article (30); and
- an actuator (146,246) for linearly displacing the receptacle whereby, actuation of the actuator displaces the receptacle and any article secured thereto, with respect to the sample mount.
6. (Original) A scanner according to claim 5 wherein, the article is elongate and the displacement by the actuator is along an axis defined by the elongate axis of the elongate article.
7. (Currently Amended) A scanner according to claim 5 ~~or claim 6~~ wherein, the actuator is a micrometer (146).
8. (Currently Amended) A scanner according to ~~any of claims 5-7~~ claim 5 including a measurement feature (50,60,146,246) which measures relative positions of different parts of the article.
9. (Currently Amended) A scanner according to ~~claim 9~~ claim 8 wherein, the measurement feature is a micrometer (146) or a set of Vernier callipers (60).

10. (Currently Amended) A scanner according to claim 5 ~~or 6~~ wherein, the actuator is manual.
11. (Currently Amended) A scanner according to claim 5 ~~or 6~~ wherein, the actuator is automatic.
12. (Currently Amended) A scanner according to ~~any of claims 5 to 11~~ claim 5 wherein, the receptacle has a plurality of defined positions with respect to the sample mount.